

2025 BIENNIUM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Governor's Office shall perform all duties as prescribed by the Montana Constitution and statute.

Executive Office of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor

- I. The Governor will pursue and enact policies to expand Montanans' access to greater opportunities, create more good-paying jobs, and strengthen the Montana economy, including
 - Working with the Legislature to provide Montanans with further long-term, permanent tax relief.
 - Recruiting businesses to (re)locate in the State and create good-paying jobs.
 - Working with the Lieutenant Governor and the Legislature to reform, roll back, and repeal unnecessary, burdensome regulations, all while maintaining strong protections for consumer safety and public health.
 - Modernizing infrastructure and bridging the digital divide.
 - Increasing Montanans' access to affordable, attainable workforce housing.
- II. The Governor will pursue and enact policies to protect the Montana way of life, including
 - Increasing access to treatment to address the drug epidemic.
 - Continuing to implement active forest management to improve forest health and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.
 - Continuing to promote an all-of-the-above energy policy that ensures the reliability of the power grid and keeps electricity prices affordable.
- III. Meeting and working regularly with directors of executive departments, the Governor will pursue and enact policies that improve state government, including
 - Emphasizing a culture of citizen service.
 - Being good stewards of taxpayer resources by increasing accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness, from assessing and reducing any unnecessary physical footprint of state agencies to increasing the digitization of state government, for example.

Office of Budget and Program Planning

The Office of Budget and Program Planning will plan a sustainable budget for the 2025 biennium and meet the following objectives:

- Track and manage general fund cash and fund balance
- Evaluate expenditures and revenues for sustainability into the future
- Evaluate all policy issues and concerns for fiscal implications

Office of Indian Affairs

The Director of Indian Affairs serves as the Governor's Ambassador to the Tribal Nations of Montana. The Director will assist the Governor in developing and implementing the policies of the executive branch in its relationships with the Tribal Nations. The Director will advise the Governor and the members of Montana's congressional delegation, if requested, on matters relating to Tribal Nations and act as a spokesperson for Montana's Indian people when requested.

Mental Health Ombudsman

The Mental Health Ombudsman will continue to work to improve Montana citizens' access to public mental health services and to services provided when citizens are transitioning from public to private services. The ombudsman will provide an annual report to the Governor and to the Legislature, and may make recommendations regarding the mental health system.

Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors

To meet the statutory requirements assigned to the Board of Visitors the following are the goals of the Board and its staff will:

- Actively engage with Montana's mental health facilities and with the Montana Developmental Center through site reviews and ongoing dialogue regarding treatment improvement
- Actively support consumers and family members in their requests for assistance
- Participate in activities that promote mental health system transformation